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### **PRESS**

**Maricopa Monitor** (Kim McKellar, Freelancer) [Received 11/6] – OPEN – Reporter writing a story on air quality issues in Pinal County. Program working on developing responses. AZ Air, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**David Brown** (Freelancer) [Received 11/6] – OPEN – Reporter looking for information on AZ NPL sites. Waiting on questions from reporter. AZ SFD Margot Perez-Sullivan

**George Arnold (Novelist)** [Received 11/1] – OPEN – Writing a historical fiction novel and wants information on Navajo AUM program. Sent proposed responses; waiting on program to review. Navajo SFD Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Undark** (Linda Marsa) [Received 10/30]—OPEN—Reporter is writing a story about Santa Susana and is looking to speak to someone at EPA who worked on the agencies soil sampling and reporter. Reporter has requested copy of EPA's final report as well as some other technical documents. Reporter is still asking for interview. Sent reporter link to EPA final study. Reporter sent along some additional reports created by Gregg Dempsey (who is now deceased). Looking to see what other documents we may have. Reporter also has FOIA request open. SoCal. SFUND, Nahal Mogharabi.

# **WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA**

#### Social Media:

Water Infrastructure Loans – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page about the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) funding and linked to our news release, <u>EPA Invites 39 Projects to Apply for WIFIA Loans to Finance \$10 Billion in Water Infrastructure Upgrades</u>.

#### Web Updates:

**California Clean Air Technology Initiative** – Removed out-of-date content from our <u>California Clean Air Technology</u> <u>Initiative</u> page.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/Public Notice — Updated the comment period dates on our <u>Public</u> Notice: Managaha Island WWTP, Northern Mariana Islands, NPDES Permit Renewal page.

**Underground Injection Control** – Completed routine maintenance and link corrections in our <u>Underground Injection</u> <u>Control in Region 9</u> web area.

San Francisco Bay Delta Watershed – Completed routine maintenance on our San Francisco Bay Delta Watershed site.

Enforcement – Completed routine maintenance on our Consent Agreement and (Proposed) Final Order: Direct Pack Inc.,

Consent Agreement and Final Order: Western States Packaging Inc., and

Consent Agreement and Final Order: The SoCo Group Inc. pages.

**Public Notices** – Moved our <u>Public Notice</u>: <u>Vital Energy Inc., Tamuning, Guam; Proposed Settlement of Clean Water Act</u> <u>Class II Administrative Penalty and Opportunity to Comment to the archive.</u>

#### CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA): John Murray from the Senator's San Francisco office emailed a question about our response to the report highlighted in a SF Chronicle news story on Hunters Point. Superfund Division prepared a response to John Murray's inquiry, which was shared by Brent Maier. We let John Murray know that the Chronicle is relying on work by Dan Hirsch and we are reviewing that analysis. As we would do at any Superfund site, ensuring that cleanup standards are current and protective is fundamental to the Superfund process. The Navy is reviewing radiological cleanup standards as part of the Five-Year Review, which is standard for any Superfund site that has waste remaining on-site. This process requires a thorough, detailed, technical review. Included in our response was a copy of EPA's September 2018 comments on the Navy's draft Five-Year Review, dated July 9, 2018. Also, in our March 2018 comments on the Draft Work Plan for Radiological Survey and Sampling, and again in our August 2018 comments on the Task Specific Work Plan for Parcel G, EPA also reminded that Navy that as part of the concurrent Five-Year Review process, the "Work Plan should use only those cleanup goals confirmed through this analysis to be protective.". The Navy has committed to perform this updated risk analysis. We are awaiting the Navy's calculations and explanations as part of its draft final version of the Five-Year Review, which should arrive later this month. The public is not at risk while the evaluation proceeds. Areas with potential radiological impacts are under protective covers (such as asphalt or a two-foot layer of clean soil) or in inaccessible buildings. In addition, EPA and the State have been overseeing the Navy's radiological work to ensure the safety of the surrounding community. Long-term radiological monitoring by various parties of dust, groundwater, ground surfaces, and fence lines have shown no exceedances of health-based standards, and third-party contractors routinely conduct in-person observations of current radiological cleanup work. The Mayor's Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will host a Navy presentation about the cleanup on Wednesday, November 7. EPA will attend and answer any questions relevant to our oversight role. (SFD-NorCA)

**Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52):** Brent Maier received an inquiry regarding our recent press release announcing that \$26.6 million for environmental improvements on California tribal lands from Field Representative Cesar Solis in the Congressman's San Diego Office asking which tribes in San Diego County were going to be receiving funding. Brent reached out to our Land and Water Division to see if our office can provide a list of tribes in San Diego County receiving this funding and how much each tribe will be receiving. Land Division's Scott Stollman provided an Excel spreadsheet report of EPA grants to federally recognized tribes in CA. The Excel spreadsheet sorting for Congressman Peters' 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District shows that there were 11 assistance agreements awarded to several tribes in that district. Brent shared the Excel spreadsheet with the Congressman's staffer as Scott Stollman noted that the Excel report can be shared with his office. (WTR/LND – S. Cal)

Tomorrow - Wednesday – Sunday, November 7 – 11, 2018: National League of Cities to Convene in Los Angeles, CA: The Annual NLC City Summit convenes November 7 – 11, 2018. Over 2,000 local elected officials will participate in numerous Workshops, Site Visits, and meetings of the Policy Committees. Mayor Mark Stodola (Little Rock, AR), and Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson (Gary, IN), members of EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee, serve as NLC President and First Vice President, respectively. Councilmember Joe Buscaino (Los Angeles, CA), is Second Vice President. The Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (EENR) will meet on Wednesday, November 7. Resolutions will be considered and adopted. The EENR Committee is led by Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt (Lacey, WA),

Chair; Councilmember Hattie Portis-Jones (Fairburn, GA), Vice Chair; and, Mayor Pro Tem Gerry Horak (Ft. Collins, CO), Vice Chair. Information on proposed resolutions will be shared once cleared by NLC/EENR staff. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

## <u>Upcoming Congressional Meetings/Calls, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:</u>

Tuesday, November 13, 2018: EPA HQ Meeting with Santa Clara Valley Water District - On Tuesday, November 13, EPA WIFIA (Office of Water) and Region IX staff will join Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) for a meeting with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to discuss the WIFIA Program. Richard Santos, Board Chair, and Norma Camacho, CEO, will lead the delegation. The Santa Clara Valley Water District is responsible for an integrated water resources system that includes the supply of clean and safe water, flood protection, and stewardship of streams on behalf of the County's almost two million residents. The District manages 10 dams and surface water reservoirs, three water treatment plants, a state-of-the-art water quality laboratory, 400 acres of groundwater recharge ponds, and 275 miles of streams. Over the next decade, the District plans to invest approximately \$2.5 billion in flood protection and habitat improvement projects, expansion of its recycled and purified water program, and critical infrastructure repairs and improvements. District representatives have met with EPA in previous years to discuss Stormwater Capture, the Impact of Drought Conditions, and other priorities. They recognize the value of working with Region IX and the California State Water Quality Control Board, and appreciate the opportunity to continue critical partnerships. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Thursday, November 29, 2018: EPA HQ Meeting with West Valley Water District (WVWD): West Valley Water District is a water purveyor in San Bernardino County, CA. Topics of interest include WIFIA; Water Infrastructure: Restoration of Wells for Wellhead Treatments for Arsenic, Nitrate and Perchlorate - WVWD is interested in the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program as a potential funding source for various projects including a main replacement project and a storage reservoir project. WVWD also is interested in any EPA grant programs for wellhead treatments for arsenic, nitrate and perchlorate. Expected WVWD Representatives: Dr. Michael Taylor, President of the Board of Directors, WVWD; Kyle Crowther, Vice President of the Board of Directors, WVWD; Ricardo Pacheco, Assistant General Manager, WVWD; Robert Tafoya, Legal Counsel (Tafoya and Garcia, LLC), WVWD; and Jamie Jones, David Turch and Associates. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon